

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, subject to compliance with certain tax covenants, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions. Interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations; however, interest on the Bonds will be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. See TAX MATTERS for a description of certain other federal tax consequences of ownership of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from state, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and local income taxation.*

**\$2,318,190,000**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO**  
**Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 A**  
**(General Obligation Bonds)**

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

**Due: July 1, as shown on the inside cover**

The Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 A (the "Bonds") are issuable as registered bonds without coupons in denominations of \$5,000 and whole multiples thereof and will be initially registered only in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. See "Book Entry Only System" under THE BONDS. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from their date of issuance and will be payable semi-annually on each January 1 and July 1, commencing on January 1, 2013. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as set forth herein. The Commonwealth expects to issue, on or about March 29, 2012, its \$415,270,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 B (the "Series B Bonds"). The Series B Bonds are being offered solely in Puerto Rico pursuant to a separate Official Statement. The issuance of the Bonds is not contingent on the issuance of the Series B Bonds.

The scheduled payment of principal and interest on certain of the Bonds as indicated on the inside cover (the "Insured Bonds"), when due, will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Insured Bonds by **ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.**

**The Bonds are general obligations of the Commonwealth. The good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that public debt of the Commonwealth, which includes the Bonds, constitutes a first claim on available Commonwealth resources.**

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and accepted by the Underwriters, subject to the approval of legality of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by O'Neill & Borges LLC, San Juan, Puerto Rico. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about April 3, 2012.

**Barclays Capital**

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<b>Maturity Date July 1</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Price or Yield (%)</b>	<b>CUSIP*</b>
2020	\$10,000,000	4.000%	100.00	74514LA31
2020	35,345,000	5.000%	4.00	74514LC47
2021	49,400,000	4.000%	4.24	74514LA49
2021	52,895,000	5.000%	4.24	74514LC54
2022	32,110,000	4.125%	4.39	74514LA56
2022	21,285,000	5.000%	4.39	74514LC62
2022 <sup>†</sup>	20,000,000	4.000%	4.14	74514LD46
2023	7,290,000	4.375%	4.51	74514LC70
2023	68,500,000	5.250%	4.51 <sup>‡</sup>	74514LA64
2023 <sup>†</sup>	5,000,000	4.125%	4.26	74514LD53
2024	10,000,000	4.000%	4.60	74514LC88
2024	11,050,000	5.250%	4.60 <sup>‡</sup>	74514LA72
2024 <sup>†</sup>	5,000,000	4.125%	4.35	74514LD61
2025	22,030,000	4.500%	4.65	74514LA80
2025 <sup>†</sup>	5,000,000	4.250%	4.42	74514LD79
2026	60,000,000	5.500%	4.50 <sup>§</sup>	74514LD38
2026	4,455,000	4.500%	4.70	74514LC96
2026	69,740,000	5.500%	4.67 <sup>‡</sup>	74514LA98
2027	17,945,000	5.500%	4.76 <sup>‡</sup>	74514LB22
2027 <sup>†</sup>	11,520,000	4.250%	4.50	74514LD87
2028	64,795,000	5.750%	4.79 <sup>‡</sup>	74514LB30
2029	6,665,000	5.000%	4.85 <sup>‡</sup>	74514LB48
2030	7,000,000	4.750%	4.90	74514LB97
2031	7,335,000	4.750%	4.95	74514LB55
2032	7,685,000	5.000%	100.00	74514LC21
2033	27,400,000	5.000%	5.06	74514LC39

\$322,925,000 <sup>†</sup>	5.000% Term Bonds due July 1, 2035	Price 100.00	CUSIP 74514LD20
\$263,540,000	5.125% Term Bonds due July 1, 2037	Yield 5.250%	CUSIP 74514LB63
\$459,305,000	5.500% Term Bonds due July 1, 2039	Yield 5.250% <sup>‡</sup>	CUSIP 74514LB71
\$632,975,000	5.000% Term Bonds due July 1, 2041	Yield 5.320%	CUSIP 74514LB89

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<sup>†</sup> Insured by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

<sup>‡</sup> Priced at the stated yield to the July 1, 2022 optional redemption date at a redemption price of 100%. See "Redemption" under THE BONDS.

<sup>§</sup> Priced at the stated yield to the July 1, 2018 optional redemption date at a redemption price of 100%. See "Redemption" under THE BONDS.

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**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

This Official Statement of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth” or “Puerto Rico”), which includes the cover page, the inside cover page, and the appendices, provides certain information in connection with the sale of \$2,318,190,000 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A (the “Bonds”). The Commonwealth expects to issue, on or about March 29, 2012, its \$415,270,000 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012B (the “Series B Bonds”). The Series B Bonds are being offered for sale solely in Puerto Rico pursuant to a separate Official Statement. The issuance of the Bonds is not contingent upon the issuance of the Series B Bonds.

The Bonds are being issued under the provisions of Act No. 33 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on December 7, 1942, as amended (the “Act”), and pursuant to a resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the “Bond Resolution”) adopted in accordance with the Act by the Secretary of the Treasury of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Secretary of the Treasury”) and approved by the Governor of Puerto Rico on March 7, 2012.

The scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds maturing July 1, 2022 bearing interest at a rate of 4.000%, July 1, 2023 bearing interest at a rate of 4.125%, July 1, 2024 bearing interest at a rate of 4.125%, July 1, 2025 bearing interest at a rate of 4.250%, July 1, 2027 bearing interest at a rate of 4.250%, and July 1, 2035 bearing interest at a rate of 5.000% (the “Insured Bonds”), when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Insured Bonds by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (“AGM”).

The good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that public debt of the Commonwealth, which includes the Bonds, constitutes a first claim on available Commonwealth resources.

This Official Statement includes the Commonwealth’s Financial Information and Operating Data Report, dated December 6, 2011 (the “Commonwealth Report”), attached hereto as *Appendix I*, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, prepared by the Department of the Treasury of the Commonwealth (the “Commonwealth’s Annual Financial Report”), which is incorporated by reference herein.

The Commonwealth Report includes important operating and financial information about the Commonwealth, including information about its economy, historical revenues and expenditures of its General Fund, the year-end results of fiscal year 2010, preliminary results for fiscal year 2011 and the first three months of fiscal year 2012, the projected fiscal year 2012 deficit, the budget for fiscal year 2012, the debt of the Commonwealth’s public sector, the financial situation of the Government’s retirement systems and certain litigation involving the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth Report was filed on December 6, 2011 by the Commonwealth with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access System (“EMMA”) (<http://emma.msrb.org>). The Commonwealth Report should be read in its entirety and in conjunction with RECENT DEVELOPMENTS herein.

The Commonwealth’s Annual Financial Report includes the basic financial statements of the Commonwealth as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, together with the independent auditors’ report thereon (which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes emphasis of matter



paragraphs regarding investments held by the Retirement Systems whose fair values have been estimated in the absence of readily determinable fair values and the Retirement Systems' unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities and funded ratios as of June 30, 2010), dated April 27, 2011, of Deloitte & Touche LLP, certified public accountants. Deloitte & Touche LLP did not audit the financial statements of certain activities, funds, and component units separately identified in its report. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to Deloitte & Touche LLP, and its opinion as to the basic financial statements, insofar as it relates to the amounts included in the basic financial statements pertaining to such activities, funds and component units, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. The Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report was filed on April 29, 2011 by the Commonwealth with the MSRB through EMMA (<http://emma.msrb.org>).

Any appendix of an Official Statement of the Commonwealth or of any instrumentality of the Commonwealth containing any revision to the Commonwealth Report or to the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report that is filed with the MSRB through EMMA, or any new or revised Commonwealth Report or Commonwealth Annual Financial Report or other document containing information that modifies or supersedes the information contained in the Commonwealth Report or in the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report that is filed with the MSRB through EMMA, in each case after the date hereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be part of this Official Statement from the date of filing of such document. Any statement contained in the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Official Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any such subsequently filed document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement contained in the Commonwealth Report or elsewhere herein shall also be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequently filed document modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Official Statement.

The Commonwealth has entered into a number of continuing disclosure undertakings required under Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in connection with previously issued bonds. Under its existing continuing disclosure undertakings, the Commonwealth is obligated to file on or before May 1 in each year updates of its financial, operational and macroeconomic information through the end of the prior fiscal year. Pursuant to these continuing disclosure undertakings, the Commonwealth files annual updates of the Commonwealth Report and files the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report. Although the Commonwealth has filed all such reports, these filings were made after the May 1 deadline between 2006 and 2010 (and also in certain years before that period), and therefore did not comply with the undertakings. In 2011, the Commonwealth complied with its continuing disclosure undertakings relating to fiscal year 2010 by filing the Commonwealth Report and the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report before the filing deadline. For more information regarding the Commonwealth's compliance with its continuing disclosure obligation, see "Prior Continuing Disclosure Non-Compliance" under CONTINUING DISCLOSURE.

The Commonwealth will provide without charge to any person to whom this Official Statement is delivered, on the written or oral request of such person, a copy of the Commonwealth Report or the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report incorporated herein by reference. Requests should be directed to Executive Vice President, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, 135 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10020, telephone number (212) 333-0364, or to Vice President - General Obligations Division, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, P.O. Box 42001, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940, telephone number (787) 722-7060.

A copy of the Commonwealth's Annual Financial Report and the Commonwealth Report may also be obtained through EMMA at <http://emma.msrb.org> (but only for filings made after June 30, 2009) or by visiting the Government Development Bank's website at <http://www.gdbpr.com>. No additional

information on the Government Development Bank's website is deemed to be part of or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement.

## OVERVIEW

Puerto Rico's constitutional status is that of a territory of the United States, and, pursuant to the territorial clause of the U.S. Constitution, the ultimate source of power over Puerto Rico is the U.S. Congress. The relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico is referred to as commonwealth status.

The United States and the Commonwealth share a common defense, market, currency and citizenship. The Commonwealth exercises virtually the same control over its internal affairs as do the 50 states. It differs from the states, however, in its relationship with the federal government. The people of Puerto Rico are citizens of the United States but do not vote in national elections. They are represented in Congress by a Resident Commissioner who has a voice in the House of Representatives but no vote (except in House committees and sub-committees to which he belongs). Most federal taxes, except those such as Social Security taxes, are not levied in Puerto Rico. No federal income tax is collected from Puerto Rico residents on income earned in Puerto Rico, except for certain federal employees who are subject to taxes on their salaries. Income earned by Puerto Rico residents from sources outside of Puerto Rico, however, is subject to federal income tax.

The official languages of Puerto Rico are Spanish and English.

According to the United States Census Bureau, the population of Puerto Rico was 3,725,789 in 2010, compared to 3,808,610 in 2000.

Puerto Rico has a diversified economy with manufacturing and services comprising its principal sectors. Puerto Rico's economy is closely linked to the United States economy. In fiscal year 2010 (which ended on June 30, 2010), the Commonwealth's gross national product (preliminary, in current dollars) was \$63.3 billion, and personal income per capita (preliminary, in current dollars) was \$15,203.

The Constitution of Puerto Rico limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Commonwealth can issue. The Commonwealth's policy has been and continues to be to prudently manage the level of such debt within the constitutional limitation. See "Debt Limitation" under THE BONDS.

Fiscal responsibility for the Commonwealth is shared among the Department of the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") and Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico ("Government Development Bank" or "GDB"). The Department of the Treasury is responsible for collecting most of the Commonwealth's revenues, overseeing preparation of its financial statements and contributing to the preparation of the budget. OMB prepares the Commonwealth's budget and is responsible for monitoring expenditures. Government Development Bank is the fiscal agent and financial advisor to the Commonwealth and its agencies, public corporations and municipalities and coordinates the management of public finances.

Additional information about the Commonwealth can be found in the Commonwealth Report attached hereto as *Appendix I*, including information about the economy, historical revenues and expenditures of the Commonwealth's General Fund, the year-end results of fiscal year 2010, preliminary results for fiscal year 2011 and the first three months of fiscal year 2012, the budget and projected deficit for fiscal year 2012, the debt of the Commonwealth's public sector, the financial situation of the Government's retirement systems and certain litigation involving the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth Report should be read in its entirety and in conjunction with RECENT DEVELOPMENTS below.

Commonwealth expects to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital improvement projects. In December 2011, the Legislative Assembly approved the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes in the amount of \$290 million to fund such capital improvement projects.

## **THE BONDS**

### **General**

The Bonds will be dated, bear interest at such rates, be payable at such times, and mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth on the cover and inside cover page of this Official Statement. Certain of the Bonds are subject to redemption at the times and at the prices set forth below in “Redemption.” Banco Popular de Puerto Rico will serve as paying agent and registrar (the “Registrar”) for the Bonds.

### **Book-Entry Only System**

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each stated maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. SO LONG AS CEDE & CO. IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, AS NOMINEE FOR DTC, REFERENCES HEREIN TO BONDHOLDERS OR OWNERS OF THE BONDS (OTHER THAN UNDER THE CAPTION “TAX MATTERS”) SHALL MEAN CEDE & CO. AND SHALL NOT MEAN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS. If, however, the aggregate principal amount of any issue exceeds \$500 million, one certificate will be issued with respect to each \$500 million of principal amount, and an additional certificate will be issued with respect to any remaining principal amount of such issue.

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has a Standard & Poor’s rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of the Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of the Bonds (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of



The Commonwealth cannot and does not give any assurances that DTC, DTC Direct or Indirect Participants will distribute to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds: (i) payments of principal and interest payments (including redemption payments) with respect to the Bonds; (ii) confirmation of ownership interest in the Bonds; or (iii) notices sent to DTC or Cede & Co., its nominee, as the registered owner of the Bonds, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or that DTC or the DTC Participants will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement.

NONE OF THE COMMONWEALTH, THE REGISTRAR OR THE UNDERWRITERS WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC, ANY PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (II) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF, OR PREMIUM, IF ANY, OR INTEREST ON, THE BONDS; (III) ANY NOTICE WHICH IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO BONDHOLDERS; (IV) ANY CONSENT GIVEN BY DTC OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS A BONDHOLDER; OR (V) THE SELECTION BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS.

#### **Discontinuance of the Book-Entry Only System**

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Commonwealth or the Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Commonwealth may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

In the event that such book-entry only system is discontinued or terminated, the following provisions will apply: (i) payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds will be made in lawful money of the United States of America; (ii) payment of the principal will be made at the corporate office of the Registrar in San Juan, Puerto Rico; (iii) interest on the Bonds will be paid by check mailed to the respective addresses of the registered owners thereof as of the fifteenth day of the month immediately preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the Commonwealth maintained by the Registrar; (iv) the Bonds will be issued only as registered bonds without coupons in authorized denominations; and (v) the transfer of the Bonds will be registrable and the Bonds may be exchanged at the corporate office of the Registrar in San Juan, Puerto Rico upon the payment of any taxes or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such transfer or exchange.

#### **Authorization**

Sections 25 and 37 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico of 1917, as amended, provided that local legislative powers were vested in a Legislature (the predecessor to the current Legislative Assembly) whose authority extended to matters of a legislative character not locally inapplicable. Pursuant to this power, the Legislature enacted the Act. Section 1 of Article IX of the Constitution of the Commonwealth provides that all laws in existence at the time of its passage continue in full force and effect unless they are inconsistent with the Constitution, are amended or repealed, or expire by their own terms. Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth provides that the power of the Commonwealth to contract and to authorize the contracting of debts shall be exercised as determined by the Legislative Assembly. Pursuant to this power, the Act was amended by Acts 6 and 10 of July 24, 1952 to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds pursuant to one or more resolutions adopted by the Secretary and approved by the Governor. In accordance with the Act, the Secretary adopted and the Governor approved the Bond Resolution.

If the amount of the Bonds purchased or redeemed in any fiscal year exceeds the amount of the amortization requirement due on such Bonds for such fiscal year, the amortization requirement for such Bonds may be decreased for such subsequent fiscal years and in such amounts aggregating the amount of such excess as the Secretary of the Treasury shall determine.

### **Notice of Redemption; Effect of Redemption**

Any redemption of the Bonds, either in whole or in part, shall be made upon at least a 30-day prior notice to DTC or, if the book-entry only system described above has been discontinued, by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to all registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed in the manner and under the terms and conditions provided in the Bond Resolution. On the date designated for redemption, notice having been given as provided in the Bond Resolution and moneys for payment of the principal of and accrued interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption being held by the Registrar, interest on the Bonds or portions thereof so called for redemption shall cease to accrue.

Each notice of redemption shall contain, among other things, the particular Bonds (or portions thereof) being called for redemption, the redemption date and price and the address at which such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price. Any defect in such notice or the failure so to mail any such notice to DTC in respect of, or the registered owner of, any Bond will not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Bond.

Any notice of optional redemption may state that the redemption is conditional and, if so, the notice shall state what the conditions are. If at the time of mailing a notice of optional redemption there shall not have been deposited with the Registrar moneys sufficient to redeem the Bonds called for redemption, such notice shall state that it is subject to the deposit of the redemption moneys with the Registrar not later than the opening of business on the redemption date, and such notice shall be of no effect unless such moneys are so deposited. A conditional notice of optional redemption may be rescinded by the Commonwealth upon not less than two Business Days' notice prior to the proposed redemption date.

If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are called for redemption, the particular Bonds so called for redemption shall be selected by the Registrar by such method as it deems fair and appropriate, except that so long as the book-entry only system shall remain in effect, in the event of any such partial redemption, DTC shall reduce the credit balances of the applicable DTC Participants in respect of the Bonds and such DTC Participants shall in turn select those Beneficial Owners whose ownership interests are to be extinguished by such partial redemption, each by such method as DTC or such DTC Participant, as the case may be, in its sole discretion, deems fair and appropriate.

### **Security**

#### *Provision for Payment of Public Debt*

In accordance with the Act, the Commonwealth has pledged the good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Pursuant to the Act, the Bonds constitute general obligations of the Commonwealth, payable with any funds available to the Commonwealth, which funds are appropriated as continuous appropriations, without the need to make specific appropriations for such purposes.

Section 8 of Article VI of the Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that public debt of the Commonwealth will constitute a first claim on available Commonwealth resources. Public debt includes general obligation bonds and notes of the Commonwealth and any payments required to be made by the Commonwealth under its guarantees of bonds and notes issued by its public instrumentalities.

The Commonwealth has allocated certain motor vehicle fuel taxes, crude oil and derivative products excise taxes and license fees to Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (the “Highways Authority”). The amounts so allocated, however, are subject to first being applied to payment of the principal of and interest on the Commonwealth public debt, but only if and to the extent that all other available revenues of the Commonwealth are insufficient for that purpose. The Commonwealth has never had to apply such amounts to the payment of its public debt.

Since fiscal year 1989, the Commonwealth has pledged to Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority certain federal excise taxes imposed on alcoholic beverages and tobacco products produced in Puerto Rico and sold in the United States, which taxes are returned to the Commonwealth. The amounts so pledged, however, are subject to first being applied to payment of the principal of and interest on the Commonwealth public debt, but only if and to the extent that all other available revenues of the Commonwealth are insufficient for that purpose. The Commonwealth has never had to apply such amounts to the payment of its public debt.

Act No. 91 of May 13, 2006, as amended (“Act No. 91”), allocates a portion of the Commonwealth sales and use tax to pay debt service on the bonds issued by COFINA for the purpose of, among other things, paying or financing certain obligations of the Commonwealth, paying or financing a portion of the Commonwealth’s operational expenses, and funding the Puerto Rico Economic Stimulus Fund, the Commonwealth Emergency Fund and the Economic Cooperation and Public Employees Alternatives Fund. Act No. 91 provides that the Dedicated Sales Tax Fund created by Act No. 91, the funds on deposit therein and the Commonwealth sales and use tax pledged to COFINA do not constitute “available Commonwealth resources” of the Commonwealth for purposes of Section 2 and Section 8 of Article VI of the Constitution of Puerto Rico and are not available for use by the Secretary of the Treasury. As a result, the portion of the Commonwealth sales and use tax allocated to COFINA is not available for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds.

The Constitution expressly empowers a holder of bonds and notes evidencing public debt to bring suit against the Secretary to require application of available resources, including surplus, to the payment of principal of and interest on public debt when due.

*Special Fund for the Bonds (General Obligation) Debt Service*

Act No. 83 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on August 30, 1991, as amended, provides for the levy of an annual special tax of 1.03% of the assessed value of all real and personal property not exempt from taxation. The proceeds of said tax are credited to the Commonwealth Debt Redemption Fund (the “Redemption Fund”), for application to the payment of general obligation bonds and notes of the Commonwealth.

Act No. 39 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on May 13, 1976, as amended (“Act No. 39 of 1976”), requires the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer each month from available funds of the Commonwealth to the Redemption Fund such amounts which, together with certain other funds deposited therein, will be equal to the sum of one-sixth of the interest to be paid in the next six months and one-twelfth of the principal to be paid or required to be amortized within the next twelve months on all bonds and notes of the Commonwealth for which its good faith and credit are pledged as the same become due and all bonds and notes of the Commonwealth for which the guaranty of the Commonwealth has been exercised. Moneys in the Redemption Fund are held in trust by Government Development Bank. Act No. 39 of 1976 provides that the obligation of the Secretary of the Treasury to

make the above transfers is cumulative, and the amount of any deficiency in any month shall be added to the amount of transfers required in future months until such deficiency has been fully paid. During fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 the Commonwealth entered into loan agreements with Government Development Bank the proceeds of which were used to refinance deposits to the Redemption Fund. The Commonwealth expects to enter into a loan agreement with Government Development Bank the proceeds of which would be used to refinance deposits to the Redemption Fund during fiscal year 2013. Unless authorizing legislation permitting borrowings to finance debt service is extended, the Commonwealth will not be able to borrow from Government Development Bank to refinance deposits to the Redemption Fund after June 30, 2013. On February 15, 2012, the Redemption Fund was fully funded.

Act No. 39 of 1976 expressly relates to direct obligations of the Commonwealth. It does not apply to the payment of bonds and other obligations of public corporations guaranteed by the Commonwealth issued after the date of its adoption.

### **Payment Record**

The Commonwealth has never defaulted on the payment of principal of or interest on any of its debt.

### **Debt Limitation**

#### *Constitutional Debt Limitation*

Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of Puerto Rico provides that direct obligations of the Commonwealth evidenced by good faith and credit bonds or notes shall not be issued if the amount of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes and on all such bonds and notes theretofore issued that is payable in any fiscal year, together with any amount paid by the Commonwealth in the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year of such proposed issuance on account of bonds or notes guaranteed by the Commonwealth, exceed 15% of the average annual revenues raised under the provisions of Commonwealth legislation and deposited into the Treasury (hereinafter “internal revenues”) in the two fiscal years preceding the fiscal year of such proposed issuance. Section 2 of Article VI does not limit the amount of debt that the Commonwealth may guarantee so long as the 15% limitation is not exceeded through payments by the Commonwealth on such guaranteed debt. Internal revenues consist principally of income taxes, property taxes, sales and use taxes and excise taxes. Certain revenues, such as federal excise taxes on offshore shipments of alcoholic beverages and tobacco products and customs duties, which are collected by the United States Government and returned to the Treasury, and motor vehicle fuel taxes, crude oil and derivative products excise taxes and license fees, which are allocated to the Highways Authority, are not included as internal revenues for the purpose of calculating the debt limit, although they may be available for the payment of debt service. In addition, the portion of the sales and use tax allocated to COFINA is also not included as internal revenues consistent with the legislation creating COFINA, which legislation transfers ownership of such portion of the sales and use tax to COFINA and provides that such portion is not “available Commonwealth resources” under the above cited Constitutional provisions relating to public debt.

#### *Variable Rate Bonds and Swap Agreements*

Joint Resolution No. 2104 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on September 30, 2004 (“Joint Resolution No. 2104”), authorized the Commonwealth to enter into interest rate exchange agreements with respect to the Commonwealth’s \$447,875,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2004B (the “Series 2004B Bonds”), which were issued as variable rate bonds. Joint Resolution No. 2104 allows the Commonwealth to calculate the 15% constitutional debt limitation using (i) the fixed rate it is required to pay under any interest rate exchange agreement entered into by the Commonwealth in connection with the Series 2004B Bonds, and (ii) the lesser of (A) the maximum



interest rate allowed by law, and (B) the maximum interest rate set forth in the resolution approving the bonds, if any, in connection with the Commonwealth's \$279,240,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2004A (the "Series 2004A Bonds") and any Series 2004B Bonds for which no interest rate exchange agreement is executed. In November 2004, the Commonwealth entered into two interest rate exchange agreements with respect to the Series 2004B Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Series 2004A Bonds and the Series 2004B Bonds will no longer be outstanding. The interest rate exchange agreements entered into in connection with the Series 2004A Bonds and the Series 2004B Bonds will be terminated in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Act No. 39 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved on August 1, 2005, as amended ("Act No. 39 of 2005") authorizes the Commonwealth to enter into interest rate exchange agreements with respect to its general obligation bonds, subject to certain conditions, including that the agreements are entered into to reduce certain financial risks associated with issuing variable rate obligations. The Secretary is also authorized to pledge the good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth for the payment of the obligations incurred under such interest rate exchange agreements. Act No. 39 of 2005 allows the Commonwealth to calculate the constitutional debt limit in a manner identical to that utilized in Joint Resolution No. 2104.

In August 2006, the Commonwealth issued its \$500,000,000 Public Improvement Bonds of 2006, Series A, a portion of which bonds bear interest at a rate that will change periodically based on changes in the United States consumer price index. In connection with such consumer price index floating rate bonds (the "2006 CPI Bonds"), the Commonwealth entered into interest rate exchange agreements, the effect of which economically enable the Commonwealth to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect thereof.

In August and September 2006, the Commonwealth entered into interest rate exchange agreements (the "Series 2003 Swaps"), the effect of which economically enable the Commonwealth to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect of a portion of the Commonwealth's \$1,018,245,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2003C (said portion, the "2003C Swap Bonds") and whose payments commenced on July 1, 2008, the end of the initial fixed rate period on the 2003C Swap Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, approximately \$431,000,000 of the 2003C Swap Bonds will remain outstanding. A portion of the Series 2003 Swaps will be terminated in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

In October 2007, the Commonwealth issued its \$926,570,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2007 A, a portion of which bonds bear interest at a variable rate and, in connection with said bonds (said portion, the "2007 Swap Bonds") entered into interest rate exchange agreements (the "Series 2007A Swaps"), the effect of which economically enables the Commonwealth to pay a fixed rate of interest in respect thereof. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, approximately \$29,840,000 of the 2007 Swap Bonds will remain outstanding. A portion of the Series 2007A Swaps will be terminated in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

In May 2008, the Commonwealth issued its \$173,975,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2008B (the "2008 Swap Bonds"), for the purpose of refunding a portion of the Series 2004B Bonds, and, in connection therewith, continued the swap related to such refunded Series 2004B Bonds (the "Series 2004B Swap").

In March 2011, the Commonwealth issued its \$274,550,000 Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2011 (the "2011 Swap Bonds"), which bear interest at a variable rate, for the purpose of refunding the 2008 Swap Bonds and a portion of the 2007 Swap Bonds. Upon the issuance of the Bonds, the 2011 Swap Bonds will no longer be outstanding. The Series 2004B Swap will be terminated in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

In addition, the Commonwealth has also executed under the authority granted in Act No. 39 of 2005, interest rate exchange agreements in which the Commonwealth is making payments on



\$1,698,370,000 notional amount of public improvement bonds based on a short-term interest rate index published by Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”) and is receiving from its counterparties payments on the same notional amount based on the published three-month London Interbank Offered Rate index (the “basis swap”).

See “Interest Rate Exchange Agreements” under DEBT in the Commonwealth Report for a list of the Commonwealth’s outstanding interest rate exchange agreements and their mark-to-market value as of September 30, 2011.

After giving effect to the issuance of the Bonds and the Series B Bonds (including the repayment of the GDB Lines of Credit, the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, and the refunding of certain other Commonwealth general obligation bonds being refunded with a portion of the proceeds of the Series B Bonds), future maximum annual debt service for the Commonwealth’s outstanding general obligation debt is \$989,231,968 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, based on the assumption that (i) the outstanding 2003C Swap Bonds, 2006 CPI Bonds, and 2007 Swap Bonds bear interest at the maximum rate of 12% per annum (rather than the lower rate that the Commonwealth is required to pay under the applicable interest rate exchange agreements as permitted by law) and (ii) the public improvement bonds to which the basis swap relates bear interest at their stated interest rates, rather than the rates set forth in the basis swap. This amount (\$989,231,968) plus the amount paid by the Commonwealth in fiscal year 2011 on account of bonds or notes guaranteed by the Commonwealth (\$16,520,000), for a total of \$1,005,751,968, is equal to 13.2% of \$7,600,369,500, which is the average of the adjusted preliminary internal revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 and preliminary internal revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. If the interest on the outstanding bonds described in clause (i) above is calculated using the fixed rate paid by the Commonwealth under the interest rate exchange agreements executed in connection with such bonds, as permitted by law, the percentage referred to in the preceding sentence would be 12.7%. Any potential termination payment (which is a good faith and credit obligation of the Commonwealth) payable by the Commonwealth (which is based on the then applicable mark-to-market value) upon termination of the applicable interest rate exchange agreements is not included in the calculation of the 15% constitutional debt limitation.

As of December 31, 2011, Port of the Americas Authority had issued bonds guaranteed by the Commonwealth (the “POA Guaranteed Bonds”), in the amount of \$250 million, of which \$213.2 million is currently outstanding. The Commonwealth has begun to make payments of debt service on the POA Guaranteed Bonds and expects to continue to make all payments on the POA Guaranteed Bonds under the good faith and credit guarantee of the Commonwealth. During fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012, the Commonwealth made payments under its guaranty of the POA Guaranteed Bonds of \$16.5 million and \$17.3 million, respectively.

### **Maturity Limitation**

The Constitution provides that no bonds or notes of the Commonwealth shall mature later than 30 years from their date of issue, except bonds or notes for housing facilities, which shall mature in no more than 40 years.

## **BOND INSURANCE**

### **Bond Insurance Policy**

Concurrently with the issuance of the Insured Bonds, AGM will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy (the “Policy”) for the Insured Bonds. The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Insured Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as *Appendix III* to this Official Statement.

<http://www.assuredguaranty.com>, are incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof.

*Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference*

Portions of the following document filed by AGL with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) that relate to AGM are incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

(i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 (filed by AGL with the SEC on February 29, 2012).

All information relating to AGM included in, or as exhibits to, documents filed by AGL pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the filing of the last document referred to above and before the termination of the offering of the Bonds shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such documents. Copies of materials incorporated by reference are available over the internet at the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>, at AGL’s website at <http://www.assuredguaranty.com>, or will be provided upon request to Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.: 31 West 52nd Street, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Communications Department (telephone (212) 826-0100).

Any information regarding AGM included herein under the caption “BOND INSURANCE – Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.” or included in a document incorporated by reference herein (collectively, the “AGM Information”) shall be modified or superseded to the extent that any subsequently included AGM Information (either directly or through incorporation by reference) modifies or supersedes such previously included AGM Information. Any AGM Information so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Official Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

*Miscellaneous Matters*

AGM or one of its affiliates may purchase a portion of the Insured Bonds or any uninsured bonds offered under this Official Statement and may hold such Insured Bonds or uninsured bonds for investment or may sell or otherwise dispose of such Insured Bonds or uninsured bonds at any time or from time to time.

AGM makes no representation regarding the Insured Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Insured Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading “BOND INSURANCE”.

**Bond Insurance Provisions under the Bond Resolution**

Under the Bond Resolution, AGM shall be deemed to be the sole holder of the Insured Bonds for the purpose of giving any consent or direction or taking any other action that the holders of the Insured Bonds are entitled to take pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Resolution.

**PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

**Public Sector Debt**

The table on the following page presents a summary of the public sector debt of the Commonwealth outstanding as of December 31, 2011. The table also shows the public sector debt as adjusted for the effects of the issuance of the Bonds and the Series B Bonds, including the repayment of the GDB Lines of Credit, the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, and the refunding of certain other Commonwealth general obligation bonds being refunded with a portion of the proceeds of the Series B

Bonds. The table should be read in conjunction with the information set forth under DEBT in the Commonwealth Report.

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
Public Sector Debt\*  
(in millions)**

	December 31, 2011	As Adjusted by the issuance of the Bonds and the Series B Bonds
GENERAL FUND RELATED DEBT		
Direct good faith and credit obligations	\$ 9,772	\$10,793 <sup>(1)</sup>
Puerto Rico guaranteed debt <sup>(2)</sup>	5,466	5,466
Debt supported by Puerto Rico appropriations or taxes <sup>(3)</sup>	3,727	3,727
Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes <sup>(4)</sup>	900	900
Pension Obligation Bonds <sup>(5)</sup>	2,948	2,948
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RELATED DEBT	\$22,813	\$23,834
Sales and Use Tax (COFINA) debt	\$15,224	\$15,224
Public corporations and agencies <sup>(6)</sup>	23,641	23,641
Municipal Debt	3,498	3,498
Limited Obligations/non-recourse debt <sup>(7)</sup>	2,263	2,263
TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT	\$67,439	\$68,460

\* Totals may not add due to rounding.

- (1) Includes \$75 million in Commonwealth bond anticipation notes issued in January 2012. Excludes approximately \$227 million of principal due July 1, 2012 that will be paid through the proceeds of the GDB Lines of Credit, which in turn will be refinanced through the issuance of the Bonds and the Series B Bonds.
- (2) Consists of \$666 million of bonds issued by Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, \$423 million of State Revolving Fund Loans incurred under various federal water laws, \$213 million of bonds issued by Port of the Americas Authority, and \$4.012 billion of Public Building Authority bonds. Excludes \$267 million of GDB bonds payable from available moneys of GDB.
- (3) Represents bonds and notes payable from the Commonwealth General Fund and Public Improvement Fund. Includes Public Finance Corporation.
- (4) Includes related short-term financings.
- (5) Represents Senior Pension Funding Bonds, Series A, B, and C issued by the Employees Retirement System, which are payable solely from employer contributions made to the Employees Retirement System by the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities after the issuance of the bonds.
- (6) Excludes \$5.4 billion of notes issued by GDB, the proceeds of which have been principally used to fund loans to the Commonwealth, public corporations, agencies and municipalities. Loans made by GDB to the Commonwealth, public corporations, agencies and municipalities are included the table. Excludes \$1,800,450,000 of Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A (Senior Lien) and \$295,245,000 of Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2012B (Senior Lien) issued on February 29, 2012. Also excludes \$1,000,000,000 of Puerto Rico Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico, Senior Notes, 2012 Series A issued on February 7, 2012.
- (7) Includes the following: \$1.3 billion of Children's Trust bonds, which are payable solely from the payments to be received pursuant to the tobacco litigation settlement; \$180 million of Housing Finance Authority bonds, which are payable from Puerto Rico Housing Administration's annual allocation of Public Housing Capital Funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; \$343.8 million of Capital Fund Modernization Program Subordinate Bonds, Series 2008, and \$100 million of Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, issued the Puerto Rico Housing Finance Authority; \$149.1 million of Special Facilities Revenue Bonds issued by Highways and Transportation Authority, which are payable from net toll revenues collected from the Teodoro Moscoso Bridge; \$74.6 million of Special Facilities Bonds issued by Ports Authority, which are solely payable from the pledge of certain payments made by a private corporation under a special facilities agreement; \$76.3 million of Educational Facilities Revenue Bonds, 2000 Series A (University Plaza Project) issued by Industrial, Tourist, Educational, Medical and Environmental Control Facilities Financing Authority ("AFICA"), which are payable from rent payments made by the University of Puerto Rico; and approximately \$73.5 million of bonds issued by AFICA to finance the construction of various government infrastructure projects, which are payable from rent payments made by various government entities.

Source: Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico.

## Debt Service Requirements for Commonwealth General Obligation Bonds and Certain Guaranteed Debt

The following table presents the debt service requirements for (i) Commonwealth general obligation bonds outstanding on December 31, 2011 (after giving effect to the issuance of \$75 million of Commonwealth general obligation bond anticipation notes in January 2012, the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, and the refunding of certain other Commonwealth general obligation bonds being refunded with a portion of the proceeds of the Series B Bonds); (ii) the Bonds; (iii) the Series B Bonds; and (iv) total debt service on Commonwealth general obligation bonds. Debt service requirements for each fiscal year, as shown in the following table, include principal and interest due on July 1 immediately following the close of such fiscal year.

### Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Debt Service Requirements\* (in thousands)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Outstanding Bonds Total Debt Service <sup>(1)</sup>	The Bonds		Series B Bonds Debt Service <sup>(3)</sup>	Grand Total <sup>(3)</sup>
		Principal	Interest <sup>(3)</sup>		
2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 144,464	-	-	\$ 3,159	\$ 147,623
2013	817,647	-	\$ 29,809	67,966	915,421
2014	722,581	-	23,954	81,099	827,634
2015	741,401	-	47,030	76,345	864,776
2016	754,573	-	118,359	65,657	938,588
2017	711,001	-	118,359	34,822	864,181
2018	625,329	-	118,359	58,294	801,982
2019	776,849	-	118,359	24,400	919,608
2020	763,684	\$ 45,345	118,359	20,508	947,896
2021	569,328	102,295	116,191	2,629	790,444
2022	532,097	73,395	111,571	2,629	719,692
2023	434,361	80,790	108,382	2,629	626,162
2024	478,896	26,050	104,260	2,629	611,836
2025	484,692	27,030	103,074	2,629	617,425
2026	438,682	134,195	101,870	2,629	677,377
2027	472,550	29,465	94,534	2,629	599,178
2028	443,315	64,795	93,057	2,629	603,796
2029	462,535	6,665	89,332	2,629	561,161
2030	457,805	7,000	88,998	2,629	556,432
2031	443,439	7,335	88,666	2,629	542,069
2032	339,126	7,685	88,317	2,629	437,758
2033	266,743	132,400	87,933	52,239	539,315
2034	199,490	188,545	81,313	-	469,348
2035	321,993	142,275	71,785	-	536,053
2036	321,989	71,030	64,631	-	457,650
2037	317,047	79,615	60,991	-	457,653
2038	220,404	223,505	56,911	-	500,820
2039	220,403	235,800	44,618	-	500,821
2040	220,401	308,770	31,649	-	560,820
2041	220,404	324,205	16,210	-	560,819
Total	\$13,923,229	\$2,318,190	\$2,396,879	\$516,039	\$19,154,337

\* Totals may not add due to rounding. Includes the effective fixed rate on certain variable rate general obligation bonds as to which the Commonwealth has entered into interest rate exchange agreements.

(1) The amounts shown on this column (i) include \$75 million in Commonwealth bond anticipation notes issued in January 2012, and (ii) exclude debt service on PRASA's bonds guaranteed by the Commonwealth, which have been paid by PRASA since 2006. In the event PRASA is unable to make any portion of the future debt service payments on its guaranteed bonds, the Commonwealth would be required to make such payments under its guarantees from the General Fund. The amounts shown in this column also do not include payments made by the Commonwealth on the POA Guaranteed Bonds, which are paid from General Fund budgetary appropriations determined in consultation with GDB, as holder of the POA Guaranteed Bonds. The amounts paid by the Commonwealth under the POA Guaranteed Bonds for the prior fiscal year, however, are taken into account in the determination of the constitutional debt limit. See THE BONDS – Debt Limitation.

(2) Excludes approximately \$685 million of principal and interest due in fiscal year 2012 paid and to be paid from the proceeds of the GDB Lines of Credit, which in turn will be refinanced through the issuance of the Bonds and the Series B Bonds.

(3) The figures for interest on the Bonds have been reduced by the interest that was capitalized through the issuance of the Bonds in the following amounts: approximately \$117.5 million due during fiscal year 2013, \$94.4 million due during fiscal year 2014 and \$71.3 million due during fiscal year 2015. The figures for Series B Bonds debt service have been reduced by the interest that was capitalized through the issuance of the Series B Bonds in the following amounts: approximately \$672 thousand in fiscal year 2012 and \$2.6 million in each of fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Sources: Government Development Bank and Department of the Treasury

## LITIGATION

As of the date hereof, to the knowledge of the officers of the Department of the Treasury with responsibility over the issuance of the Bonds, there is no litigation of any nature pending or threatened against the Commonwealth to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds or the application of the proceeds thereof as described in this Official Statement, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds or any proceedings of the Commonwealth taken with respect to the issuance or sale of the Bonds.

## TAX MATTERS

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), includes requirements which the Commonwealth must continue to meet after the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Commonwealth’s failure to meet these requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to their date of issuance. The Commonwealth has covenanted in the Bond Resolution to comply, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth, with the requirements of the Code in order to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds. Bond Counsel is not aware of any provision of the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth which would prevent the Commonwealth from complying with the requirements of the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, subject to continuing compliance by the Commonwealth with the tax covenant referred to above, under the provisions of the Acts of Congress now in force and under existing regulations, rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds will not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations; however, interest on the Bonds will be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. Bond Counsel is further of the opinion that the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from state, Commonwealth and local income taxation.

Ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations, certain S Corporations with excess passive income, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, and taxpayers who may be eligible for the earned income tax credit.

Ownership of tax-exempt obligations may also result in collateral income tax consequences under Puerto Rico law to financial institutions doing business in Puerto Rico.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to their specific taxation circumstances and the applicability and impact of any collateral consequences.

Legislation affecting municipal securities is constantly being considered by the United States Congress. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted after the date of issuance of the Bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax-exempt status of the Bonds. Legislative or regulatory actions and proposals may also affect the economic value of tax exemption or the market price of the Bonds.



other disposition of Premium Bonds and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Bonds.

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

The proposed form of opinion of Greenberg Traurig LLP, Boston, Massachusetts, Bond Counsel, is set forth in *Appendix II* to this Official Statement. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by O'Neill & Borges LLC, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

### **LEGAL INVESTMENT**

The Bonds will be eligible for deposit by banks in Puerto Rico to secure public funds and will be approved investments for insurance companies to qualify them to do business in Puerto Rico, as required by law.

### **VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS**

Causey, Demgen & Moore, Inc., will verify, from the information provided to them, the mathematical accuracy as of the date of the delivery of the Bonds of (1) the computations contained in the provided schedules to determine that the anticipated receipts from the securities and cash deposits listed in such schedules, if any, to be held in escrow, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal and interest on the Refunded Bonds, and (2) the computations of yield on both the securities, if any, and the Bonds contained in such schedules used by Bond Counsel in its determination that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The verification agent will express no opinion on the assumptions provided or as to the exemption from taxation of the interest on the Bonds.

### **UNDERWRITING**

The Underwriters have jointly and severally agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the Commonwealth at an aggregate discount of \$14,723,016 from the initial offering prices of the Bonds set forth or derived from information set forth on the inside cover hereof. The obligation of the Underwriters to purchase the Bonds is subject to certain conditions precedent, and they will be obligated to purchase all the Bonds if any Bonds are purchased. The Underwriters may offer to sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into unit investment trusts, certain of which may be sponsored or managed by the Underwriters) and others at prices lower than the initial public offering prices. The offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters.

The Underwriters and their respective affiliates are financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. Certain of the Underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking services for the Commonwealth and/or its instrumentalities, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the Commonwealth and/or its instrumentalities.

The Commonwealth intends to use a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds to pay the costs of terminating an investment agreement and certain interest exchange agreements. Affiliates of Morgan Stanley, RBC Capital Markets, and UBS Financial Services Incorporated of Puerto Rico, underwriters for

the Bonds, are the counterparties to some of the interest rate exchange agreements being terminated. As a result, the affiliate of Morgan Stanley, the affiliate of RBC Capital Markets, and the affiliate of UBS Financial Services Puerto Rico will receive a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds in connection with the termination of such interest rate exchange agreements.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC (“JPMS”), one of the Underwriters of the Bonds, has entered into a negotiated dealer agreement (the “Dealer Agreement”) with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (“CS&Co.”) for the retail distribution of certain securities offerings, including the Bonds, at the original issue prices. Pursuant to the Dealer Agreement, CS&Co. will purchase Bonds from JPMS at the original issue price less a negotiated portion of the selling concession applicable to any Bonds that CS&Co. sells. JPMS has also entered into an agreement with FirstBank Puerto Rico Securities Corp. to assist the Commonwealth, its public corporations, agencies, instrumentalities, and municipalities in structuring and facilitating the issuance of certain municipal securities. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement and in compliance with applicable rules, compensation with respect to the underwriting of such municipal securities will be allocated between the parties.

Barclays Capital Inc. and Pershing LLC, a subsidiary of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, established a strategic alliance in May of 2009, which enables Pershing LLC to participate as a selling group member and a retail distributor for all new issue municipal bond offerings underwritten by Barclays Capital Inc., including the Bonds offered hereby. Pershing LLC will receive a selling concession from Barclays Capital Inc. in connection with its distribution activities relating to the Bonds.

BMO Capital Markets GKST Inc. has entered into an alliance agreement (the “Alliance Agreement”) with VAB Financial LLC, under which the parties shall provide services and advise each other in matters related to the structuring and execution of certain municipal finance transactions in the U.S. capital markets with governmental entities located in the Commonwealth. Pursuant to the terms of the Alliance Agreement and in compliance with any applicable rules, the parties will be entitled to receive a portion of each other’s net profits from the underwriting of the Bonds as consideration for their professional services.

BMO Capital Markets is the trade name for certain capital markets and investment banking services of Bank of Montreal and its subsidiaries, including BMO Capital Markets GKST Inc., which is a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of BMO Financial Corp. which is itself a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal.

Citigroup Inc. and Morgan Stanley, the respective parent companies of Citigroup Global Markets Inc. (“Citigroup”) and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (“Morgan Stanley”), each an underwriter of the Bonds, have entered into a retail brokerage joint venture. As part of the joint venture each of Citigroup and Morgan Stanley will distribute municipal securities to retail investors through the financial advisor network of a new broker-dealer, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. This distribution arrangement became effective on June 1, 2009. As part of this arrangement, each of Citigroup and Morgan Stanley will compensate Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC for its selling efforts in connection with their respective allocations of Bonds.

Goldman, Sachs & Co. and UBS Financial Services Incorporated of Puerto Rico have entered into an agreement relating to structuring and coordinating the marketing and execution of bond offerings in the United States and global capital markets for the Commonwealth’s governmental entities and other municipal bond issuers. For each issuance of municipal securities for which both parties act as managers, the parties will be entitled to receive a portion of each other’s revenues from the underwriting in consideration for their professional services.

Popular Securities, Inc. has entered into a joint venture agreement (the “JV Agreement”) with Morgan Stanley, under which the parties shall provide services and advice to each other related to the

structuring and execution of certain municipal finance transactions in the U.S. capital markets with governmental entities located in the Commonwealth. Pursuant to the terms of the JV Agreement and in compliance with applicable rules, the parties will be entitled to receive a portion of each other's net profits from the underwriting of the Bonds as consideration for their professional services.

Santander Securities Corporation ("SSC") and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill") have entered into an agreement pursuant to which they will provide services and advice to each other related to the structuring and execution of certain municipal finance transactions for the Commonwealth's governmental entities in the global capital markets and in the United States market and in the Puerto Rico market if issued in connection with such global or U.S. issuances. SSC and Merrill will be entitled to receive a portion of each other's revenues from the underwriting of the Bonds as consideration for their professional services.

Oriental Financial Services Corp. ("Oriental") and Raymond James & Associates, Inc. ("Raymond James") have entered into an agreement under which the parties provide services and advice to each other to assist the Commonwealth and its issuers in the structuring and execution of their municipal securities offerings. As part of the agreement, Oriental and Raymond James share in the risk from the underwriting of the Bonds as part of the consideration for their professional services.

BBVAPR División de Valores Municipales ("BBVAPR MSD") and RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("RBC") have entered into an agreement under which the parties provide services and advice to each other to assist the Commonwealth and its issuers in the structuring and execution of their municipal securities offerings. As part of the agreement, BBVAPR MSD and RBC share in the risk from the underwriting of the Bonds as part of the consideration for their professional services.

Wells Fargo Securities, LLC has entered into a joint underwriting agreement with Scotia MSD to assist the Commonwealth, its public corporations, agencies, instrumentalities, and municipalities in structuring and facilitating the issuance of certain municipal securities. Pursuant to the terms of the joint underwriting agreement and in compliance with applicable rules, compensation with respect to the underwriting of the applicable securities will be allocated between the firms. Wells Fargo Securities is the trade name for certain capital markets and investment banking services of Wells Fargo & Company and its subsidiaries, including Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, member NYSE, FINRA, and SIPC.

## **GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR PUERTO RICO**

As required by Act No. 272 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved May 15, 1945, as amended, Government Development Bank has acted as financial advisor to the Commonwealth in connection with the Bonds offered hereby. As financial advisor, Government Development Bank participated in the selection of the Underwriters of the Bonds. Certain of the Underwriters have been selected by Government Development Bank to serve from time to time as underwriters of its obligations and the obligations of the Commonwealth, its instrumentalities and public corporations. Certain of the Underwriters or their affiliates participate in other financial transactions with Government Development Bank.

## **RATINGS**

The Bonds are rated "Baa1" by Moody's, "BBB+" by Fitch, and "BBB" by S&P. For more information regarding rating action affecting the Commonwealth, see "Ratings of Commonwealth General Obligation Bonds" in "Overview of Economic and Fiscal Condition – Fiscal Condition" under INTRODUCTION in the Commonwealth Report. The Insured Bonds are expected to be assigned insured ratings of "AA-" (stable outlook) by S&P and "Aa3" (negative outlook) by Moody's, based upon the understanding that, upon delivery of the Insured Bonds, the Policy will be issued by AGM.

Ratings reflect only the respective views of the rating agencies and an explanation of the significance of each rating may be obtained only from the respective rating agency. Such rating agencies were provided with materials relating to the Commonwealth and the Bonds and other relevant information, and no application has been made to any other rating agency for the purpose of obtaining a rating on the Bonds.

There is no assurance that such ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by any or all of such rating agencies, if in the judgment of any or all, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings, or any of them, may have an adverse effect on the market prices of the Bonds.

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

### **Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12, as amended (the “Rule”), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), the Commonwealth has covenanted in the Bond Resolution for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners (as defined in the Bond Resolution) as follows:

1. to file, within 305 days after the end of each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, with the MSRB through EMMA, core financial information and operating data for the prior fiscal year, including (i) the Commonwealth’s audited financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time, and (ii) material historical quantitative data (including financial information and operating data) on the Commonwealth and its revenues, expenditures, financial operations and indebtedness, in each case generally found in this Official Statement; and
2. to file in a timely manner, not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, with the MSRB through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds:
  - a. principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - b. non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - c. unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - d. unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - e. substitution of credit or liquidity facility providers, or their failure to perform;
  - f. adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
  - g. modifications to rights of the holders (including Beneficial Owners) of the Bonds, if material;
  - h. Bond calls, if material;
  - i. defeasances;

- j. release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- k. rating changes;
- l. tender offers;
- m. bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar proceeding of the Commonwealth;
- n. the consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving the Commonwealth or the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Commonwealth, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and
- o. the appointment of a successor or additional trustee, or the change of name of a trustee, if material.

The Commonwealth will also covenant to file in a timely manner with the MSRB through EMMA, notice of a failure to provide the required annual financial information on or before the specified period.

The Commonwealth does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Bonds, unless the Commonwealth applies for or participates in obtaining the enhancement.

Events 2 (c), (j), (m) and (n) are not applicable to the Bonds or the Commonwealth.

In addition, with respect to the following events:

Event 2 (h). The Commonwealth does not undertake to provide the above-described event notice of a mandatory scheduled redemption, not otherwise contingent upon the occurrence of an event, if the terms, dates and amounts of redemption are set forth in detail in this Official Statement under “Redemption” in THE BONDS, the only open issue is which Bonds will be redeemed in the case of a partial redemption, notice of redemption is given to the Bondholders as required under the terms of the Bonds, and public notice of the redemption is given pursuant to Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 34-23856 of the SEC, even if the originally scheduled amounts are reduced by prior optional redemptions or purchases of Bonds.

Event 2 (m). According to the Rule, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

The Commonwealth expects to provide the information described in paragraph 1 above by filing its first bond official statement that includes such information for the preceding fiscal year or, if no



such official statement is issued by the 305-day deadline, by filing a separate document containing such information.

The Commonwealth may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events in addition to those listed above if, in the judgment of the Commonwealth, such other events are material with respect to the Bonds, but the Commonwealth does not undertake to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

The Commonwealth acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described above is intended to be for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, and shall be enforceable by any such Beneficial Owners; provided that the right to enforce the provisions of its undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the Commonwealth's obligations thereunder.

No Beneficial Owner may institute any suit, action or proceeding at law or in equity ("Proceeding") for the enforcement of the foregoing covenants (the "Covenants") or for any remedy for breach thereof, unless such Beneficial Owner shall have filed with the Commonwealth written notice of any request to cure such breach, and the Commonwealth shall have refused to comply within a reasonable time. All Proceedings shall be instituted only in a Commonwealth court located in the Municipality of San Juan, Puerto Rico for the equal benefit of all Beneficial Owners of the outstanding Bonds benefited by the Covenants, and no remedy shall be sought or granted other than specific performance of any of the Covenants at issue. Moreover, Proceedings filed by Beneficial Owners against the Commonwealth may be subject to the sovereign immunity provisions of Section 2 and 2A of Act No. 104, approved June 29, 1955, as amended, which governs the scope of legal actions against the Commonwealth, substantially limits the amount of monetary damages that may be awarded against the Commonwealth and provides certain notice provisions, the failure to comply with which may further limit any recovery.

The Covenants may only be amended if:

(1) the amendment is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the Commonwealth, or type of business conducted; the Covenants, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of award of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or change in circumstances; and the amendment does not materially impair the interest of Beneficial Owners, as determined by persons unaffiliated with the Commonwealth; or

(2) all or any part of the Rule, as interpreted by the staff of the SEC at the date of the adoption of such Rule, ceases to be in effect for any reason, and the Commonwealth elects that the Covenants shall be deemed amended accordingly.

The Commonwealth has further agreed that the annual financial information containing any amended operating data or financial information will explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided.

Any assertion of beneficial ownership must be filed, with full documentary support, as part of the written request described above.

#### **Prior Continuing Disclosure Non-Compliance**

The Commonwealth has made similar continuing disclosure undertakings in connection with prior bond issuances. Although the Commonwealth has filed all the reports and financial statements required to be filed, some of these filings have been made after the Commonwealth's May 1 filing deadline.

The Commonwealth's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2006, 2007 and 2008 were filed after the Commonwealth's filing deadlines, because various governmental agencies did not submit their audited financial statements to the central government's external auditors on time, thereby delaying submission of the Commonwealth's audited financial statements. The Commonwealth's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 was also filed after the Commonwealth's filing deadline due to delays in the engagement and transition of new external auditors, the implementation of new government accounting pronouncements, and the restatement of the financial statements of certain discretely presented component units.

The Commonwealth Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 containing the information described in paragraph 1(ii) above, was filed after the Commonwealth's filing deadline. Except for that Commonwealth Report, the Commonwealth has timely filed the Commonwealth Report for all other fiscal years.

In 2011, the Commonwealth complied with its continuing disclosure undertaking relating to fiscal year 2010. The Commonwealth expects to be able to comply with its continuing disclosure undertaking relating to fiscal year 2011.

The Commonwealth has established new policies and procedures that it believes will ensure full and timely compliance with all continuing disclosure obligations in the future. Such new policies and procedures include: (i) the assignment of additional resources from local and international audit firms to those component units whose financial statements have not been timely provided to the Commonwealth; (ii) the assignment of dedicated external and internal resources to (a) assist the Central Accounting Division at Treasury in the preparation of complex financial information that has historically delayed the audit and (b) provide periodic and consistent follow up on component unit financial statement deliverables and deadlines; (iii) the execution of a memorandum of understanding between Treasury, OMB and Government Development Bank for the coordination of all financial statement related tasks and the designation of Government Development Bank, in its role as fiscal agent, to review and monitor the progress of certain component units; and (iv) the establishment of an Audit Oversight Committee comprised of Treasury and Government Development Bank personnel in order to continuously monitor the status of the audit and the Commonwealth's financial statements.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The foregoing summaries of or references to the Act, the Bonds, the Bond Resolution and the summaries of or references to the various acts contained in the Commonwealth Report, are made subject to all the detailed provisions thereof to which reference is hereby made for further information and do not purport to be complete statements of any or all of such provisions.

Appended to and constituting a part of this Official Statement are the Commonwealth Report (*Appendix I*), the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel (*Appendix II*), the specimen of the municipal bond insurance policy to be issued by AGM (*Appendix III*) and the Table of Refunded Bonds (*Appendix IV*).

The information set forth in this Official Statement and incorporated herein by reference, except for information pertaining to DTC, and the information appearing in BOND INSURANCE and UNDERWRITING, was supplied by certain officials of the Commonwealth or certain of its agencies or instrumentalities, in their respective official capacities, or was obtained from publications of the Commonwealth or certain of its agencies or instrumentalities, and is included or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement on the authority of such officials or the authority of such publications as public official documents. The information continued under the heading BOND INSURANCE was obtained from the materials provided by AGM. The information pertaining to DTC was supplied by DTC.

The information contained under the heading UNDERWRITING was obtained from the corresponding underwriter.

This Official Statement will be filed with the MSRB through EMMA.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO**

By:                     /s/ Jesús F. Méndez                      
Secretary of the Treasury

PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL



[Closing Date]

Secretary of the Treasury of the  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
Department of the Treasury  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

RE: \$2,318,190,000 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Improvement Refunding Bonds,  
Series 2012 A (General Obligation Bonds)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We have acted as bond counsel to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”) in connection with the issuance of \$2,318,190,000 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 A (the “Bonds”). In such capacity we have examined Act No. 33 of the Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico, approved December 7, 1942, as amended (the “Act”), and such other law and such certified proceedings and other documents as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion, including a resolution adopted by the Secretary of the Treasury of the Commonwealth (the “Secretary”) and approved by the Governor of the Commonwealth on March 7, 2012 (the “Bond Resolution”). We also have examined one of the Bonds of each series as executed and authenticated.

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Act and the Bond Resolution. The Bonds mature on July 1 of the years and in such principal amounts and bearing interest at the rates, all as set forth in the Bond Resolution. The Bonds are issuable as registered Bonds without coupons in the manner and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Bond Resolution.

Regarding questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied on representations of the Secretary contained in the Bond Resolution, and the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based on the foregoing, we are of opinion that, under existing law:

1. The Act is valid.
2. Said proceedings have been validly and legally taken.
3. The Act and such proceedings and certifications show lawful authority for the issuance and sale of the Bonds, and the Bonds constitute valid and binding general obligations of the Commonwealth for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Bonds, to which the good faith, credit and taxing power of the Commonwealth are pledged.

Secretary of the Treasury

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4. Under the provisions of the Acts of Congress now in force and under existing regulations, rulings and court decisions, (i) subject to compliance with the covenant referred to below and requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and the Bond Resolution regarding the use, expenditure and investment of Bond proceeds and the timely payment of certain investment earnings to the Treasury of the United States, if required, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (ii) the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from state, Commonwealth, and local income taxation.

Interest on the Bonds will not be an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations. However, interest on the Bonds will be taken into account in determining adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations. The Code contains other provisions that could result in tax consequences, upon which we express no opinion, as a result of (i) ownership of Bonds, or (ii) the inclusion in certain computations of interest that is excluded from gross income.

The Commonwealth has covenanted to comply with the requirements of the Code, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, so that interest on the Bonds will remain exempt from federal income taxes to which it is not subject on the date of issuance of the Bonds. We are not aware of any provisions of the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth which would prevent the Commonwealth from complying with the requirements of the Code.

The opinions expressed herein are for the benefit of the addressees only and may not be quoted, circulated, assigned or delivered to any other person or for any other purpose without our prior written consent. The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, including regulations, rulings, official interpretations of law issued by the United States Internal Revenue Service, and court decisions on or prior to the date hereof. Such opinions may be adversely affected by actions taken or events occurring, including a change in law, regulation or ruling (or in the application or official interpretation of any law, regulation or ruling) after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether such actions are taken or such events occur, and we have no obligation to update this opinion in light of such actions or events.

Respectfully submitted,

Greenberg Traurig, LLP